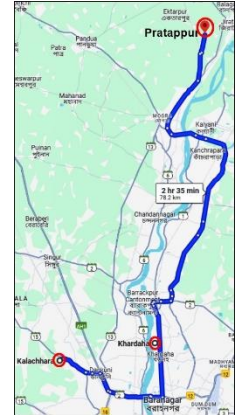


BOSE FAMILY OF PRATAPPUR, HOOGHLY

Kashinath Bose, the 22nd descendent of the Bose family of Mahinagar, was born in **Khardaha**, in the Barrackpore subdivision of the 24 Parganas district (presently under North 24 Parganas district). It is not known when Kashinath's family relocated from Mahinagar to Khardah.



At the request of his maternal grandfather, Ramadhan Mitra, a resident of Kalachhara village (lies in proximity to Janai) of the present-day Chanditala block of Serampore subdivision of Hooghly district, he acquired a plot of land suitable for residential construction. There, he built a grand residence in Kalachhara, where he subsequently settled. In addition, he purchased several adjoining plots of land in Kalachhara, Pairagachha, and Khanachati. Prior to relocating to Kalachhara, he dedicated his property and household belongings in Khardah to the family deities. There is still a 'Bose para' in Khardaha.

Kashinath married Chandramani Devi, a daughter of the near-by well-known **Mitra family of Baksha**. After moving to Kalachhara, he secured the esteemed position of 'Dewan' under the Collector of Customs in Kolkata. This role frequently required him to reside in Hooghly city, where he maintained an office. He was the father of five sons and three daughters. Determined to provide



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them with the best possible education, he ensured that his family remained close to him. Some years later, he acquired a residence in Pratappur village in Hooghly and expanded it to accommodate his entire household. This grand dwelling came to be widely known as 'Dewan Bari'. In later years, his great-grandsons re-named it 'Basu Kutir'.



For significant occasions such as weddings, religious ceremonies, and the annual Durga Puja celebrations, Kashinath would return to his ancestral home in Kalachhara, where he conducted these events with great splendour and devotion. His five sons were Krishnadas, Ishan Chandra, Girish Chandra, Harachandra and Yadav Chandra; and his three daughters were Kamalmani, Padmamani and Binduvasini.

In his later years, Kashinath embarked on a pilgrimage but suffered a paralytic stroke while in Vrindavan (in U.P.), necessitating his return home. He lived to an advanced age, spending his final years at his residence in Pratappur. Eventually, he passed away near the sacred banks of the Ganges.

Kashinath Bose's third son, Girish Chandra Bose, was married to Kamini Mani Chaudhuri, a daughter of the illustrious Kshatriya *zamindar* **Datta Chaudhuri family of Andul** (in Howrah district). Tragically, the young man suffered a stroke merely days after his marriage and passed away. His wife, Kamini Mani Devi, lived a long life and, in her later years, took up residence in Kashi (Varanasi, U.P.), where she established a Shiva deity. She passed away there itself.



Datta Chaudhuri family, Andul



Kashi (Varanasi), U.P.

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